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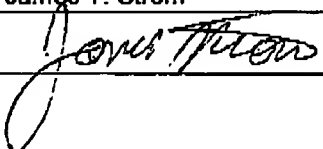
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For: SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE  
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS  
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 15, 2004. A Petition for a Second Month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed thereby extending the response due date to December 15, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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